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Sir:

In response to the written Restriction Requirement dated April 6, 2006, the applicants hereby
elect to prosecute the Group I claims drawn to a method of production of silica products using
silicase or carbonic anhydrase polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

Please note that the Restriction Requirement lists claims 1-9 in Group I; however, it appears
that only claims 1-8 should be in this Group. Also, please note that the restriction Requirement lists
two sets of Group VI claims.

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